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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM L. DEAN BROWN
1. I BELIEVE THIS IS THE MOMENT FOR YOU TO SEEK CLARIFICA-
TION FROM GOA ON THEIR APPROACH TOWARDS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
IN VIEW OF (A) IMPRESSION WHITLAM LEFT WITH PRESIDENT AND
OTHERS IN WASHINGTON THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD DO ABOUT HALF
OF WHAT CANADA WOULD DO AND (B)AUSTRAILANDECISION TO
REMOVE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FROM GUAM. AS I SEE IT, THE
AUSTRALIANS ARE WIGGLING OFF THE HOOK AND WE SHOULD MAKE
MAXIMUM EFFORT TO GET THEM BACK ON.

2. ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO APPROACH EITHER
FM, PM OR WHOEVER YOU BELIEVE CAN SPEAK AUTHORITIVELY
ON SUBJECT AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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(A) USG HAD CLEAR IMPRESSION AFTER PM'S VISIT TO WASHING-

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TON THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD DO ABOUT HALF OF WHAT CANADA DOES WITH RESPECT TO THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES. THIS WAS VERY GRATIFYING INFORMATION. WE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD BE WORKING WITH AND THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES ON THIS PROBLEM.

(B) WE WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN OF AUSTRALIANS DECISION TO REMOVE ALL OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FROM GUAM. AMBASSADOR BROWN ASKED AMBASSADOR SHAW IF THIS DECISION COULD BE CHANGED SINCE IT PUBLICLY INDICATES AN UNWILLINGNESS BY AUSTRALIA TO ACCEPT REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM. THIS IN TURN COULD HAVE A MAJOR AND ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT IN GENERAL.

(C) THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL UNDERSTAND THIS IS AN ISSUE OF DEEP INTEREST TO OUR GOVERNMENT. WHILE THE USG HAS BEEN MORE THAN WILLING TO ACCEPT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF THESE REFUGEES, WE HAVE ALSO HOPED OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD RESPOND GENEROUSLY TO THIS HUMAN TRAGEDY.

(D) IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A CLARIFICATION OF HOW AUSTRALIA PROPOSES TO APPROACH THIS ISSUE. WE WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT AUSTRALIA MAINTAIN REPRESENTATIVES ON GUAM WHO COULD PROCESS REFUGEES FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT, SINCE THIS IS WHERE THE VAST BULK OF REFUGEES ARE GOING INCLUDING THE REFUGEES WHO WERE REFUSED ENTRY AT SINGAPORE.

FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE MOMENT TO BE GENEROUS; WE HOPE AUSTRALIA WILL ACT IN THAT SPIRIT. KISSINGER

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